

Third Assistant Postmaster General, and said the bill is the first measure of Congress at the last session to pass the usual appropriation bill. He states that notwithstanding the embarrassment of mail contractors, they have discharged their duties with great fidelity. He earnestly urges Congress to make an early appropriation to meet all the existing liabilities of the department, and says that: "As the faith of the Government has been broken, not only should the principal of these debts be promptly paid, but interest on them should also be allowed. In many in-

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Estimated deficiency for 1981, \$9,675,473
Estimated deficiency for the year ending June 30, 1982, 19,584,043

The deficiency for 1981 is estimated at \$9,680,484.01, upon the assumption that the amount of reform recommended in the report will be adopted by Congress. Should later information indicate the inaccuracy of that body during the approaching session, it is anticipated that the deficiency for that year would not exceed \$1,842,473.00.

POTATTO DISEASES AND DAMAGED KNIGHTS.

The number of potatoes damaged by potato diseases during the year ending June 30, 1980, was as follows:

	1980.	1981.	1982.
Whole number	102,510,000	104,000,000	65,825,000
Value	\$10,330,000	\$10,400,000	\$6,582,500

Total value \$61,510,346

The value of potato crops and crops damaged by potato diseases during the year ending June 30, 1980, was as follows:

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Increases during 1980. \$99,146.06

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.

On the 30th of June, there were in operation 4,223 motor vehicles. The number of vehicles was as follows:

The length of these vehicles is summarized as follows:

	1980.	1981.	1982.
Number	4,223	4,223	4,223
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The act of May 2, 1935, declares "that it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General, in all future mailings of certificates for the sale of United States Government bonds, to cause to be furnished to the bidders tendering sufficient guarantees for the fulfillment of their obligations, a statement of the amount of such transportation that may be necessary to provide for the delivery, custody, and return of the bonds to the place of transportation."

This law is in full force, and in carrying out the provisions of the act, which this department can successfully administer, an effort has been made to determine the actual cost of transportation. In devising for the new letter rates, "the principle of the act has been followed, namely, that the service will always be provided, that is, parcels for conveying the mails will "be collected, and the cost of transportation will not be charged, unless the sender has made any designation of the mode of conveyance."

The employment of these rates on the great

